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Eleven CSI Charter Schools Earn Performance with Distinction Rating

Denver, CO (December 13, 2022) – Eleven charter schools authorized by the [Colorado Charter School Institute](http://www.csi.state.co.us) (CSI) earned “Performance with Distinction” ratings for the 2021-2022 school year. Schools that receive this rating rank in the top 25% of all schools in Colorado with reportable academic data and have demonstrated strong financial and organizational performance as well.

CSI assigns schools a performance rating each fall based on academic, financial, and organizational performance from the previous school year. The CSI performance framework aligns with the state framework but adds a “Performance with Distinction” rating within the state’s top rating of “Performance” to connote the highest performing schools in the state.

2022 marked the first year with current, reportable academic data for determination of state plan types since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The suspension of state assessments during the 2019-2020 school year, and limited assessments in the 2020-2021 school year, created a gap in the evaluation of academic performance for accountability. However, CSI continued to evaluate financial and organizational performance over the past two years and issued accreditation ratings accordingly.

CSI Chief of Authorizing and Accountability, Ryan Marks, shares: “CSI remains committed to upholding model authorizing practices and letting schools know how they are doing, providing information to help schools develop and improve, offering schools the opportunity to regularly check their record, and ensuring public transparency.”

Additionally, CSI issued an accreditation rating to schools with the state plan type “Insufficient State Data” for the first time this year. This will ensure schools with small student populations are able to convey their performance to their communities.

The following schools received “Performance with Distinction” for the 2021-2022 school year:

School	Location	Model	Grades
Academy of Arts and Knowledge	Fort Collins	Arts Integration	K-5
Caprock Academy	Grand Junction	Core Knowledge	K-12
Colorado Early Colleges Douglas County	Parker	Early College	9-12
Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins	Fort Collins	Early College	6-12
Colorado International Language Academy	Colorado Springs	Language Immersion	K-6
Community Leadership Academy	Commerce City	Core Knowledge	PK-5
Golden View Classical Academy	Golden	Classical	K-12
James Irwin Charter Academy	Colorado Springs	Core Knowledge	K-5
Mountain Middle School	Durango	Project-Based	4-8
Salida Montessori Charter School	Salida	Montessori	PK-8
Thomas MacLaren School	Colorado Springs	Classical	K-12

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About the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI)

CSI is a statewide charter public school authorizer in Colorado, currently authorizing 42 schools from Towaoc to Steamboat Springs, Grand Junction to Colorado Springs and serving over 20,000 PK-12 students. As a charter authorizer, CSI focuses on the outputs—that is, the quantitative evaluation of academic, organizational, and financial school performance—providing schools the flexibility to focus on and make decisions about inputs like instructional strategies, educational programming, internal assessment system, facility selection, and staffing. The focus on outcomes rather than processes allows CSI to be neutral on educational model and maintain a diverse portfolio of school models, which include Classical, Early College, Alternative, and Montessori models. Learn more at www.csi.state.co.us and follow CSI on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).